

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dewitt Rollins of
Carthage.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Dewitt Rollins on August 13, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Dewitt Rollins was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Jefferson Davis Rollins and the late Henrietta Pickering Haynie Rollins, Dewitt Rollins was a native of Carthage; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Smith County High School in 1950, Dewitt Rollins departed these shores to serve his country in the United States Army Airborne Infantry in Japan from 1952 to 1955; and

WHEREAS, because of his concern for the safety of others, Dewitt Rollins dedicated his life to the profession of law enforcement, serving for twenty-one exemplary years as a Tennessee law enforcement officer and later as a federal officer in the United States Treasury; and

WHEREAS, Dewitt Rollins continued to devote his career to law enforcement, serving as the foreman of the Smith County Grand Jury; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating his leadership capabilities, Dewitt Rollins served admirably as a Carthage City Council member for four years and later as vice mayor; and

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WHEREAS, with all of his accomplishments aside, Dewitt Rollins still found time to lend his many talents to civic and charity affiliations, including Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Smith County Senior Citizens Center as well as serving on the Board of Trustees of the Smith County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dewitt Rollins was an active and devout member of the North Carthage Missionary Baptist Church, of which he was a member for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Dewitt Rollins leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Dewitt Rollins was the proud parent of Laurie Rollins Drafts, Nelson Rollins and Dewitt Rollins; and grandchildren Kimberly Rollins, Rachel Drafts and Andrew Drafts; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dewitt Rollins, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dewitt Rollins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.